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Remarks/Argument

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and submits that amended claims 1 to 14 and 16 and 17 are in condition for allowance for the following reasons:

Prior Art Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 102(b)

The Examiner states claims 1 to 3, 5 to 13 and 15 are anticipated by Preston (WO 03/064214A1). The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8 to emphasize the differences between the Applicant's invention and Preston's bicycle rack. In particular, Preston does not disclose structures having first and second tines to receive a bicycle fork crown between said first and second tines, a feature present in all of the current independent claims. The cycle carrier disclosed in Preston simply lacks such a feature, and instead uses triangular shaped cradle portions to hold a bicycle wheel.

Likewise, the Despain and Johansson references do not include structures with tines to receive the fork crown of a bicycle between the tines.

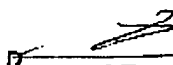
The Applicant has also amended claims 10 and 12 to 14 to make the language therein consistent with the claims from which they depend.

New independent claims 19 and 22 employ a single structure having first and second tines to receive a bicycle fork crown between the first and second tines. As mentioned above, such a structure is not found in the prior art references.

Given the above, the applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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